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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question can be divided if the component is a separate and distinct proposition, and so if you could indicate to me why you think that it is a separate...what section....

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, the...Senator, the conceptual separateness of the items is illustrated by items 1 through 4 on the committee statement, and what I have asked and what they have been able to do is to identify that portion of the committee amendment that deals with concept number 1 on the committee statement and that part, as far as I'm concerned, could be discussed first, and then followed by all other sections of the bill as the Clerk now has them in his possession, which would constitute items 2, 3, and 4 of the committee amendments, can be discussed together. So I would envision a two-part discussion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I do see that it may be treated as a separate and distinct proposition. The members would like to please note that the one section of the division will be all of Sections 3 and 5 and part of Section 4, beginning on page 7, line 18, through the end of Section 4 on page 11, line 15. Mr. Chairman, which aspect of the divided question would you like to take up first?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, why don't we take up the income issue that Senator Beutler is interested in. That would be the division that is Sections 3 and part of 4 and 5.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: So ordered. Senator Beutler, would you like to now discuss the first part of the divided question on the committee amendments? (FA53 is found on pages 1001-1008 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, the first part of the question then, if you look on your committee statement, would be item number 1. That is, it is the kernel of Senator Preister's original bill which would increase the income eligibility amounts for these various categories: for the elderly, for disability, for the veterans. It does not succeed in increasing them quite as much as Senator